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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

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INFO AMEMBASSY DOHA

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SUBJ: UNESCO 19TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: DRAFT DECLARATION ON
MASS MEDIA

REF: (A) STATE 257992, (B) ABU DHABI 2630

1. IN VIEW OF OUR EARLIER EXPERIENCES IN APPROACHES TO
UAEG ON UNESCO, EMBASSY BELIEVES REQUESTING UAEG TO
SUPPORT DEFERRAL OF SUBJECT DRAFT DECLARATION AS PER
REF A WOULD BE AT BEST FUTILE AND QUITE LIKELY COUNTER-
PRODUCTIVE. WHILE WE FULLY APPRECIATE ISSUE OF FREEDOM
OF SPEECH AND COMMUNICATIONS INVOLVED, UAEG WILL NOT
SEE ANYTHING BEYOND ZIONISM/RACISM SIDE OF PROBLEM.
IT WILL SEE THIS APPROACH AS FURTHER EFFORT TO GET
UAE TO AGREE TO ACTION WHICH IT CONSIDERS WILL SUPPORT
ISRAEL. UAEG REACTION TO SUCH LINE WAS MADE SHARPLY
CLEAR BY MINSTATE GHOBASH IN RESPONSE TO OUR EARLIER
DEMARCHÉ (REF B). CERTAINLY HE WILL NOT HAVE CHANGED
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HIS MIND AND HE MAY BECOME GENUINELY ANGRY THAT WE

APPEAR TO REFUSE TO RECOGNIZE UAEG'S POSITION. IN
SHORT, WE PROPOSE TO LEAVE THIS ISSUE ALONE UNLESS
RAISED BY UAEG. WE WILL ENSTEAD TRY TO USE WHAT
CAPITAL WE HAVE ON MATTERS SUCH AS BOYCOTT, ALSO
RECOGNIZED AS KEY ISSUE FOR US, IN WHICH WE MAY HAVE
BETTER CHANCE TO MAKE SOME POINTS.
DICKMAN

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